Summary of 2024 HCA AGM

Present

Ashraf Syed (Fareham), Lucas Piecha (Winchester), Keven Lamb (Chandler's Ford), Andy Mills (Chandler's Ford), Maha Chandar (HJCA), Iwan Cave (Chandler's Ford), Gillian Moore (Southampton), Peter Eales (Chandler's Ford) and Graham Stuart (Chandler's Ford)

Apologies

Fraser McLeod (Southampton), Mickey Blake (Webmaster), Bill McDougal (Chichester), Roger Marsh (Ratings Officer) and Malcolm Clarke (Chandler's Ford)

- Minutes of Previous AGM (June 21st 2023) were approved with no matters arising.

- Physical Officer reports were provided by the HCA Secretary, Open Match Captain and Webmaster (supplied).

- In person Officer reports were given by the U1850 Match Captain, Archivist, Individual Championship Co-Ordinator and delegate from the HJCA.
    - Ashraf reported that the U1850 team lost a close match (down to the last game) against a very strong Yorkshire team.
    - We finished 2nd in the Division 1 - Ward-Higgs Correspondence Championship in 2023/24 and have an on paper stronger team for 2024/25.
    - The Hampshire Chess Archives have been added to this year with the older Secretary Reports passed to Graham. Work continues adding articles to the Hampshire Chess History website.
    - Maha updated on the work being competed by the HJCA with numerous tournaments being completed and the upcoming FIDE 2 day congress incorporating the SPTW (She Plays To Win) Congress and Delancey UKCC Megafinal.
    - The Individual Championship Co-Ordinator updated on the record number of entrants for the Hampshire Congress and we were pleased to have made a £656.25 profit which has been used to fully replace the HCA Chess Clocks with DGT ones ahead of schedule.

- The Treasurer reported on a healthy end of year balance of £3,850.55 of which £1,800 is held for specific best Games Prize for the HCA Congress from the Dunleavy Fund and Chris Priest Legacy. We are now in the process of moving to online banking.

- Election of Officers – The following Officers were elected. We are pleased that some vacant officer roles have now been filled. The joint Hampshire League Conductor and Quickplay Officer role has been split into separate roles. We will be actively looking to fill the vacant Publicity Officer in 2024/25.

President – Peter Eales replaces Dave Nelson
Vice-President - Lucas Piecha replaces Peter Eales
Secretary – Graham Stuart (no change)
Treasurer – Gillian Moore (no change)
Chiltern captain – Fraser McLeod (no change)
Hampshire League Conductor Peter Eales has filled this vacant position
Quickplay Organiser – Iwan Cave will take on role from November 10th
U1850 captain – Ashraf Syed (no change)
Grading/Ratings officer – Roger Marsh (no change)
Delegate to HJCA – Lucas Piecha has filled this vacant position
Correspondence match captain – Phil Barber (no change)
Webmaster - Mickey Blake (no change)
ECF and WECU delegate – Graham Stuart
Chiltern League delegate – vacant
Archivist – Graham Stuart (no change)
Publicity Officer (vacant)
Individual Championship Co-ordinator - Gillian Moore (no change)
Safeguarding Officer – Robert Sims (this is a new role which the ECF have requested)
Honorary Examiner – Prof. G.Jones (Mrs Jones has stepped down)

- Fees for the 2024/25 season
  Base rate remains at £1.60, meaning affiliation is £8.00 per league team
  Board fees remains at £3.00, and £1.50 for Juniors.

- County Match Program for 2024/2025
  One team in Chiltern League; we are awaiting an update from the Chiltern League as to if they will be an additional section this year. If so, we will likely enter a team.
  We will probably enter the U1650 National County Championship final stages, although we will require a new Match Secretary to organise venue.

- Individual Championship 2024
  The Lysses House Hotel is booked for 1-3 November.
  A draft entry-form was approved with a number of changes namely, 5 rounds and rating limit changes. A blitz tournament was discussed as an addition for the now vacant Saturday evening and this is to be discussed nearer the congress.

- The meeting closed at 9:12pm